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REMARKS

Claims 29 and 30 are amended to address the formal rejection issued by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. Claims 29 and 30 are further amended to reverse the order of the first and second polymers for simplification in understanding, to comply with the Examiner's recommendation in a telephone interview conducted with the Examiner during the week of June 11, 2007. The remaining amendments are submitted to address the changes in the order first and second polymers. No new matter is added.

The Examiner should note that the terms "first polymer" and "second polymer" in the claims are now reversed as compared to those terms within the specification. The amendment to claim 30 had been revised as compared to Applicants' proposed amendment of June 15, 2007, specifically at line 8, to reflect that it is the first polymer which contains the functional groups. Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out their error in the proposed amendment.

As the amendments are submitted merely in order to address the formal matters raised in the outstanding Office Action, in which no prior art rejections remain, Applicants submit that the amendments should place the application into condition for allowance, and should therefore be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 29-49 stand rejected as non-enabled under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the current amendment.

The amendment clarifies that the claimed spin mixture is a combination of a spin agent and a polymer component, which polymer component can be only a functional polymer, or a mixture of a functional polymer and a second polymer.

Pursuant to the Examiner's rejection, co-polymers of said first and second polymers are no longer suggested in the claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 29-49 stand rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the current amendment and the following remarks.

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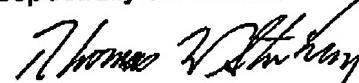
The amendment clarifies that the claimed spin mixture is a combination of a spin agent and a polymer component, which polymer component can be only a functional polymer, or a mixture of a functional polymer and a second polymer.

As to claims 41 and 42, the Examiner submits that the term "perfluorovinyl ether" lacks antecedent basis in claim 30. However, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to claim 30, which indicates that the pendant group can be a "fluorocarbon radical"; and to page 9, line 24, bridging to page 10, line 2, wherein suitable fluorocarbon monomers are listed, which include "perfluorinated vinyl ethers".

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the term "perfluorovinyl ether" in claims 41 and 42 is within the scope of "fluorocarbon radical" of claim 30, and basis is appropriate as written.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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